

## Ag Conference Call Notes

12/20/06

9 a.m.

Present: Tom McCarthy, Eric Wiklund, Clay Swanson, Cindy Martens, Ken Hessenius, Jeff Prier, Dan Olson, Ted Petersen, Josh Sobaski, Randy Clark, Gene Tinker, Bob Palla, Karen Grimes

**MAC Certification Cards**-are being sent out to the applicator within one or two weeks of DNR central office receiving them. (There have been some questions regarding this.)

**Contact Person**-is the person listed on the MMP on the contact line and that is the person also entered into the AFO database as the contact person. It may be different than the facility owner. The contact person will receive all the communication from the DNR via phone and mail. If a producer wants to delegate someone else as their contact person or if a contract company wants to be the contact person then the owner of the MMP must submit a new page one or letter to that effect.

**Animal Unit Reduction**-If a barn is converted from a farrow/finish operation to farrow/wean it may reduce the animal unit capacity to less than 500 animal units. If DNR can physically see (and document for future reference) a modification in a way that the barns are used, such as the addition of crates to what was previously nursery and finisher rooms, then DNR may approve a request to reduce the animal unit capacity below the MMP threshold. Photos and a written statement should be received from the producer as well.

**Animal Weight Change**-Some producers are claiming that pigs are going out at 48 pounds instead of 55 pounds, so the animal unit changes from .4 to .1. This change may drop them out of the MMP requirements. This is a change in operation, not a physical change that the DNR can see. The general rule is to deny these requests, but they can be looked at by Ken, Gene and Randy on a case by case basis if needed. Generally we need to see significant physical changes, legitimate reasoning for this change, and documentation of weight records. This may require a rule change to allow for specific cases where there is an operational or physical change to the facility.

**Addition of Field to MMP**-Please be reminded that the field information can be kept on site until their next complete plan is sent to our office. This would be the first submittal of their P-index based plan and every four years thereafter.

**Separation Distance Waivers**-for permitted sites these waivers must go to the Des Moines permitting staff, not to the field office. In one case the site survey was okayed after receiving the waiver in the field office, but the waiver was not recorded by the County Recorder. To make sure that this does not happen waivers must be sent to Des Moines for review as its part of the engineering evaluation.

Notes submitted by Cindy Martens 1/16/07